## **Claims**

- 1. Bending pliers for perforated bone plates, comprising two jaws movable relative to one another, including a receiving jaw having two spaced-apart receptacles with an axial extent for insertion into holes of a bone plate to be received, the receptacles having an outside diameter which is variable along their axial extent in order to cooperate with different hole types; and a pressure-exerting jaw comprising a pressure-exerting element which, when the bending pliers are actuated, cooperates with a received bone plate in a region between the two receptacles.
  - 2. The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the receptacles are designed for form-fitting cooperation with different hole types.
  - 3. The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the receptacles have an outside diameter which increases in a stepped or continuous manner starting from free ends of the receptacles.
- 20 4. The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the receptacles extend substantially perpendicularly to a pressure-exerting direction.
  - 5. The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the receptacles extend substantially parallel to a pressure-exerting direction.
  - 6. The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the pressure-exerting element is of a substantially peg-shaped design.
- 7. The bending pliers according to claim 6, wherein, in a pressure-exerting
  position, the two receptacles and the peg-shaped pressure-exerting element extend substantially parallel or perpendicularly to one another.

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- 8. The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the axial extent of the receptacles corresponds approximately to the axial extent of the pressure-exerting element.
- 9. A bending-pliers system comprising bending pliers having two jaws movable relative to one another, including a receiving jaw having two spaced-apart receptacles with an axial extent for insertion into holes of a bone plate to be received, and a pressure-exerting jaw comprising a pressure-exerting element which, when the bending pliers are actuated, cooperates with a received bone plate in a region between the two receptacles, the receptacles having an outside diameter which is variable along their axial extent in order to cooperate with different hole types; and at least two types of bone plates, each with a different hole type, or a bone plate with holes of different types.
- 10. The bending-pliers system according to claim 9, wherein the bone plates are bone plates with a single row of holes.
- 20 11. The bending-pliers system according to claim 9, wherein the distances between each two holes of different types of bone plates or of a bone plate with regionally different hole types are equal or are an integral multiple of one another.

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- 12. Bending-pliers with jaws that are moveable relative to one another, comprising
  - a first jaw having two spaced-apart receptacle portions for insertion into holes of a bone plate to be received, the receptacle portions each having a free end and an outside diameter that increases starting from the free end; and a second jaw supporting a counter-bearing element that cooperates upon actuation of the bending pliers with a received bone plate in a region between the two receptacle portions of the first jaw.

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13. The bending pliers of claim 12, wherein the receptacle portions are designed to form-fittingly cooperate with bone plate holes of different diameters.

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14. The bending pliers according to claim 12, wherein the receptacle portions extend substantially perpendicularly to a direction in which the counter-bearing element is moved when the bending-pliers are actuated.